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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Large Entity Status**

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Application Serial Number:
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Examiner:
Frederick J. Parker

Art Unit:
1762

Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING INNERLINER SPLICE OF A GREEN TIRE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	MINUS	20	0	\$50.00	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	0	\$200.00	\$0

___ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of ___ to and through ___, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

___ one month (\$120.00) ___ three months (\$1020.00)
___ two months (\$450.00) ___ four months (\$1590.00)

___ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0083

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT **\$0.00**

___ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

___ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.

X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

X No additional fee is required.

5/18/06
Date

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gregory M. Hawkins, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT "A"

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, received in the above application, please amend said application as set forth on the attached pages.

Cancel claims 1, 2, 5 and 10-16 without bias or prejudice.

Amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 to depend from new claim 19.

Claim 9 remains as originally presented.

Add new independent claims 17, 18 and 19.